Library & Information Services Program for Nebraska

A new library and information services (LIS) program is being offered online to all Nebraskans by Central Community College (CCC.) Students in the new program will develop practical skills for working in libraries. The focus of the program will be on customer service and library management in small rural libraries, and on library assistance in larger more urban resource centers.

Students completing the six LIS courses offered online by CCC will receive a certificate from the college and will fulfill the Nebraska Library Commission

Basic Skills requirements for Nebraska Public Librarian certification. "We've been delighted that CCC is stepping up to give this program some good central coordination and leadership," said Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission. "This is an important program because it provides education across the state for people interested in working in Nebraska libraries and provides a way for them to become certified."

The LIS program replaces one that was offered jointly by Nebraska's six community colleges, with each college offering one or two courses online. Dr. Dianna Parmley, dean of educational services at Central Community College Columbus, said, "The quality of the course work was excellent but there were some logistical problems for students taking courses from several colleges, particularly when it came to financial aid opportunities."

Dr. Eric Jones, dean of educational services at CCC Grand Island, developed a proposal for the college to offer all of the library information courses and make them available statewide. The chief instructional officers' council of the Nebraska Community College Association approved the proposal last summer. Students may pursue a Certificate Program with eighteen hours of course work or, by completing additional requirements from Central Community College, students can earn an associate of arts degree designed to transfer to the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), which offers three options for LIS transfer students. Questions regarding options at UNO can be directed to Dr. Rebecca Pasco, director of the library science program, e-mail: rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu.

Library and information services courses offered by Central Community College will be available online when the 2009 fall semester begins in August. For course descriptions see www.cccneb.edu/LIS. For information about enrolling in the program, contact Mary Young in the admissions office at CCC-Columbus, 402-562 1296; 877-222-0780, ext. 1296; or e-mail at myoung@cccneb.edu. For additional information contact Dr. Dianna Parm-ley, 402-562-1267, 877-222-0780, ext. 1267.

NOTE: Learn more about this program on NCompass Live, the Nebraska Library Commission's weekly online event. The topic on Wednesday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m. (CT) will be "The New and Improved Library and Information Services Program through CCC." Register at http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ncompass/ncompasslive.asp

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Graduates of the University (or Kearney State College, or the Normal School!) may be interested in reminiscing about their college days. Digital versions of the school's annual, *Blue & Gold*, can be accessed from the library home page (library.unk.edu). Bound periodicals can also be a vehicle for visiting the past. In the library's collections are print editions of *Life* (from 1943-1972), *Look* (1964-1971), and *Time* (1929-1973; newer issues are available on microfiche or digitally), just to name a few.

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